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Re: Application # 10/783,294  
Keith H. Hebron – Truck Topper Lift System

Attention: Lori L Coletta – Art Unit 3612

This letter is in response to your letter dated 10/11/2006 and our conversation today.

A certified copy of my claim for foreign priority is attached.

I have doubled spaced the claim lines as per your request, and corrected the wording of the claims as required under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In regards to Moe et al. 4,819,981, I agree with the comments made in the Micknowicz 5,403,061 claim, in which Moe et al concede that the cover is not stable unless the cover is down and locked. I dismissed the use of a coil spring in my early research for a mechanical lift system because it was inefficient and dangerous. In addition, access through the side openings is very limited.

The Micknowicz /061 claim is related to hinges with removable pins and rods that only stabilize the topper when lifted by hand. There are no mechanical lift systems in this claim.

I hope this is the end of a lengthy but meaningful process for acceptance of my claim. I look forward to a successful conclusion.

Yours truly

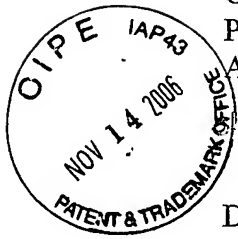
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Keith Hebron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Keith" and last name "Hebron" clearly distinguishable.

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Attached - Claim for Foreign Priority ✓  
- New Claims 22 to 26 ✓

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Dear Sir/Madam

This is to advise you that I am seeking a US Utility Patent under the PCT ( Canada/US) and claiming priority to the first application No. 2,424,320 / owner Keith H. Hebron / Canopy Lift System, with the filing date of February 27, 2003.

I have enclosed prior documentation from the Canada IPO and a Visa cheque # 001 in the amount of \$385.00 US to cover the small entity fee as prescribed in your new fee schedule.

Thank you in advance for your actions in this matter.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within instrument is a true and correct copy of the original document of which it purports to be a true copy thereof.

Certified this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November A.D. 2006

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